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GILMER MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR MANUFACTURING FIREARMS SILENCERS

(Marshall, Texas) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 49-year-old Gilmer, Texas man has been sentenced to 36 months in federal prison for unlawfully manufacturing firearms silencers. **BRIAN DAVID HOBBS** was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge T. John Ward.

According to information presented by in court, on December 29, 2005, agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives executed a search warrant at Mr. Hobbs residence in Gilmer, Texas. During the course of the search the agents recovered four unregistered firearms silencers, a .22 caliber rifle, and 2,356 rounds of .22 caliber ammunition. Hobbs admitted to the agents that he had manufactured the four silencers and that he had not made application to the appropriate federal authorities prior to doing so.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jim Noble.

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